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1. ALTHOUGH THE FULL GAO REPORT ON THE F-16 HAS YET TO BE
SEEN BY DANISH MEDIA, ITS PUBLICATION AND THE ATTENDANT
WIRE SERVICE NEWS REPORTS TRIGGERED A SUDDEN UPRSURGE IN
THE PERSISTENT CAMPAIGN BY ITS OPPONENTS TO REOPEN THE
F-16 ARGUMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

2. THE WHIRLWIND WEEKEND PRESS CAMPAIGN, HIGHLIGHTED
BY HEADLINES LIKE "FROM THE ARMS DEAL OF THE CENTURY
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TO THE GYP OF THE CENTURY" AND "PROBLEMS WITH THE F-16:
INCREASING PRICE AND FER FOR THE PLANE'S QUALITY",
WAS BASED ALMOST SOLELY ON NEGATIVE WIRE SERVICE
REPORTS, PARTICULARLY REUTERS AND AP. SINCE ALL BUT
A MOSTLY LEFTIST HANDFUL OF DANISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE
BEEN SILENCED BY AN INTERMINABLE STRIKE, LOCAL PRESS REPORTS
HAVE BEEN SLANTED BUT LIMITED PRIMARILY TO COPENHAGEN

READERSHIP.

3. MEANWHILE, ADMIRAL RODHOLM WHO IS THE DANISH F-16 PROJECT CHIEF, APPEARED ON TV TO REBUT SOME OF OF THE ACCUSATIONS AND CHRISTIAN WINTER REPORTED ON DANISH RADIO FROM THE US THIS MORNING THAT A NEW GAO RELEASE HAS PRESENTED A MUCH MORE BALANCED VIEW OF REPORT CONCLUSIONS.

4. EMBASSY HAS USED STATE'S GUIDANCE TO HELP SET RECORD STRAIGHT AND DANISH GOVERNMENT IS WORKING HARD TO PUT REPORT IN MORE RATIONAL PERSPECTIVE.

5. MEDIA PRESSURE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH PROBABLE FOLKETING DEBATE NEXT WEEK BUT NEWSPAPER STRIKE MAY WELL LAST THROUGH THAT PERIOD. EMBASSY EXPECTS TO HAVE TEXT OF GAO REPORT IN HAND BY THEN TO COUNTER CAMPAIGN, BUT FURTHER AMMUNITION PER PARA TWO REFTTEL WOULD BE WELCOM.
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